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URGES SOVIET DOCTORS TO USE STAPHYLOCOCCUS ANTIPHAGIN

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Medical organizations of a number of oblasts (Kemerovo, Omsk, Tomsk, Vologda, etc.) do not efficiently pursue the fight against pyogenic diseases at industrial establishments. Staphylococcus antiphagin, which in combination with local therapy produces a lasting therapeutic effect, is being introduced into practice at a very slow rate. This is a state of affairs which cannot be tolerated.

Therapy of furuncles, furunculosis, and hydroadenites with staphylococcus antiphagin has proved very effective. At a recent conference in Moscow, Professor Bragin, Ivanovo, cited interesting data on the administration of staphylococcus antiphagin together with autogenous blood, and Dr Anton'yev, Leningrad Institute of Physiotherapy, reported on a method of applying the antiphagin with the aid of a electrophoretic procedure.

Introduction of staphylococcus antiphagin into general medical practice proceeds in an entirely unsatisfactory manner in Chelyabinsk, the Voronezh, Orel, Tomsk, and Ryazan' oblasts, the Udmurt ASSR, and the Yakut ASSR. The RSFSR Dermatovenerological Institute, oblast dermatovenerological institutes, and chairs of skin diseases and venerological diseases at medical institutes do not pay sufficient attention to scientific problems connected with this matter.

To carry on an effective fight against pyogenic skin diseases in industry and agriculture, cooperation between dermatologists, surgeons, and physicians of village hospitals is necessary. Better results will be achieved if physicians work in close contact with factory committees, mine committees, and industrial safety specialists.

It is essential that dermatovenerological institutes, chairs of skin diseases, and oblast dispensaries include in their scientific programs the treatment of problems dealing with the therapy and prophylaxis of pyogenic skin diseases.

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